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NARASIMHAN INFORMED YEST THIS MORNING RESULTS HIS CONVERSATION WITH MOROZOV JUST CONCLUDED ON ICRC SHIP INSPECTION.

MOROZOV HAD STATED CATEGORICALLY USE OF U.S. VESSELS BY ICRC FOR THIS PURPOSE UNACCEPTABLE TO SOVIET UNION AS KUZNETSOV HAD INFORMED SYG SOME DAYS AGO. ONLY SOV OR NEUTRAL VESSELS WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE. WHEN NARASIMHAN INQUIRED WHETHER SUITABLE SOV VESSELS AVAILABLE FOR THIS PURPOSE MOROZOV SAID HE WOULD INQUIRE. HE EMPHASIZED HOWEVER NEUTRAL VESSELS ENTIRELY ACCEPTABLE THOUGH, IN RESPONSE NARASIMHAN'S QUERY, HE EXCLUDED LA VESSELS BECAUSE OF OAS INVOLVEMENT IN CUBAN ISSUE. HE SUGGESTED SWEDISH VESSELS. WHEN NARASIMHAN POINTED OUT IT WOULD PROBABLY TAKE SOME TIME TO OBTAIN SUITABLE SWEDISH VESSELS AND LIFTING U.S. QUARANTINE WOULD THEREBY BE DELAYED, MOROZOV EVINCED NO PARTICULAR CONCERN.

HE WENT ON HOWEVER TO INDICATE HIS BELIEF THAT ICRC INSPECTION WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR NO MORE THAN TEN DAYS. HE REFERRED TO SYG'S ORIGINAL APPEAL FOR 2-3 WEEK INTERIM PERIOD FOR NEGOTIATION AND SETTLEMENT CUBAN PROBLEM. THIS IS NOT QUESTION OF MONEY INVOLVED, WHICH WILL PRESUMABLY BE SMALL, BUT OF PRINCIPLE. WERE U.S. TO PAY WHOLE COST OF OPERATION IT MIGHT APPEAR THAT U.S. IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PROBLEM CREATED BY INTRODUCTION OF OFFENSIVE WEAPONS INTO CUBA.

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IN REPLY TO YOST QUESTION WHETHER HE HAD RAISED WITH MOROZOV QUESTION OF ICRC INSPECTION OF OTHER THAN SOV SHIPS IN ACCORDANCE PARA 7 OF MEMO LEFT WITH HIM YESTERDAY, NARASIMHAN REPLIED IN NEGATIVE BUT SAID HE HAD DISCUSSED MATTER WITH STAVROPOULOS WHO HAD EXPRESSED FIRM OPINION THAT ICRC WOULD NEVER AGREE TO INSPECT VESSELS OF OTHER STATES UNLESS GOVTs OF EACH OF THOSE STATES HAD PREVIOUSLY GIVEN CONSENT IN WRITING TO THIS INSPECTION. STAVROPOULOS POINTED OUT PROCESS OF OBTAINING SUCH CONSENT FROM GOVTs OF MARITIME STATES INVOLVED WOULD BE VERY PROLONGED.

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STEVENSON

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